

## News Review

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## A Greenbelt Profile

## Councilmember Thomas X. White

by Sandra A. Lange

Twenty-six years is the longest time anyone has served on the Greenbelt City Council. That is exactly how long Thomas X. White has occupied his seat on that five-member body. Is he tired of public service? Burned out? "Not a bit," he emphatically exclaims. "I still enjoy it." Has he mellowed? Changed? Yes, he admits.

Known as an habitual dissenter on the city council in the 1970s and 1980s, his was often the lone vote against some issue in many 4-1 decisions. Now, he says, he has matured, moderated, evolved. "I've learned how to get things done," he acknowledges. It takes three votes to win or lose on an issue, and he says he is more willing to do what is necessary to reach consensus on important matters. "To be effective, you have to work with the majority," he states.

First elected in 1973, White has had a sometimes stormy, sometimes amicable relationship with his fellow council members. He describes the current council as "the best I have served with because council members are more interested in evaluating is-



Thomas X. White

sues and making decisions" than on airing political or personal differences.

White and his wife, Helen, and two children came to Greenbelt in 1959. He was just out of the Navy and planned to complete his college education at the University of Maryland. He received a degree in microbiology in three years.

It didn't take long for the establishment to come knocking on his door, literally. First, there was the fund drive for the St. Hugh's Church building. Then the Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI)

circle came calling. In the tried and true progression, he served first on the Nominations and Elections Committee, then the Audit Committee, and finally the GHI board from 1969-1974. He and his family moved from their three-bedroom frame home on Ridge Road to his current Woodland Way home, one of the four free-standing homes GHI built in the mid 1960s. There he and Helen raised their seven children, most of whom have since moved away from Greenbelt.

## Civic Action

Development issues in the early 1970s galvanized White and many others into a whirlpool of civic action. He joined a citizens group called Save Our Community (SOC) which fought the proposed development of a three-school complex at the end of Northway, what is now the Northway ballfields. SOC maintained that the narrow, residential Greenbelt streets could not support the traffic from school buses and other vehicles that would travel every day to three schools in one location.

"Many in the community were about to give up," White

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## Court Lets USDA Reconsider Impacts of New Headquarters

by James Giese

It is not yet clear whether the City of Greenbelt has won a skirmish or a significant victory in its court battle with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The city has sued USDA over environmental studies related to the building of the USDA headquarters facility on Sunnyside Road. In December, USDA asked the U.S. District Court to remand the record (send the court case back) to USDA so that it can "reconsider the planned road modifications" and issue a new National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) determination of the environmental impacts. USDA also agreed to delay all road improvements and conceded that the wetlands permit may have to be reviewed or amended on the basis of the NEPA review.

In a press release issued by the city, Mayor Judith Davis is quoted as saying, "We feel vindicated that USDA is now going to comply with NEPA. That further analysis is required confirms what we have been saying all along regarding the agencies' responsibility to at the very least abide by the same standards as everyone else."

## History

The city has long criticized as piecemeal the approach taken by USDA in making environmental assessments for the construction of its headquarters facility completed in 1998. USDA did not

include the road improvements that would be needed to serve the new facility in the initial assessment. The city claims that USDA, by not considering the cumulative impact of all the projects planned relating to this facility, failed to do what every developer is required to do in making an environmental assessment. At a press conference held on February 3, Davis noted all the hoops the city had to jump through and mitigation required in order to get approval for the construction of Greenbrook Lake at Schrom Hills Park and contended that USDA should be held to the same high standards.

According to the attorney for the city, Lawrence R. Liebesman, USDA selected the Sunnyside site and conducted an improper environmental assessment. The department indicated that no wetlands would be impacted by building on the site but indicated road improvements would be needed. In 1996, it widened Sunnyside Avenue to four lanes from US 1 to the facility. It then proceeded to push for Edmonston Road (Kenilworth Avenue extended) to be widened to four lanes to alleviate traffic congestion. For this project, wetland impact to about 40,000 square feet of land was recognized and mitigation proposed.

However, not considered was the eventual need to improve Sunnyside Avenue from the new

facility to Edmonston Road (the segment is currently just two lanes wide). This road, which floods during heavy rain storms, crosses wetlands that are a part of the Beltsville Bottomland Forest, an area designated by the state as wetlands of Special State Concern. Instead of less than one acre of impact to wetlands, when considered in toto including future improvements needed for Sunnyside Road, the city estimates the impact to be as much as three-and-a-half acres, a figure that would require significantly greater mitigation than is now proposed. The city further criticizes the mitigation work proposed, because it will be done in a different watershed (next to the Paint Branch Golf Course on University Boulevard in College Park).

## Concerns

Liebesman called the action of the federal government to take a voluntary remand in a case like

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## What Goes On

Mon., Feb. 14, 7 p.m.  
Youth Advisory Committee Meeting, Youth Center

Tue., Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m.  
GATE Meeting, Community Center

Wed., Feb. 16, 8 p.m.  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Community Center

## Council Reviews Rules Considers New Authority

by Diane Oberg

At a February 2 worksession, members of the Greenbelt City Council expressed support for increasing to \$1,000 the maximum fine for violating the city's handbill ordinance, licensing residential burglar alarm installers, and developing a program to reduce residential false alarms. In the longer term, councilmembers are interested in pursuing additional regulatory powers that they hope will lead to full planning and zoning authority in the future. The councilmembers also supported an evaluation of city regulation of daycare facilities (both commercial and in-home).

## Handbill Fines

The city has an anti-littering ordinance that prohibits distribution of commercial handbills where homeowners have posted "no soliciting" signs. However, according to Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze, a few companies appear to consider the current maximum fine of \$400 a reasonable cost relative to the value gained by the advertising. She recommended, and council agreed, that the maximum fine should be raised to \$1,000. The city currently has the authority to do this, so it could happen fairly soon.

## Burglar Alarms

Nonresidential false alarms have declined by 40 percent since the city began requiring nonresidential establishments to obtain a city license for their

burglar alarms. Residential false alarms, however, have not decreased: they now account for 35 to 40 percent of false alarms received by the city, according to Craze.

She identified two options for reducing residential false alarms: licensing installers and implementing a city program to work with residents with repeated false alarms. She estimated that such a program could reduce residential false alarms by 50 percent. She recommended that such a system not be fine-based and should not penalize homeowners for innocent errors. However, homeowners must correct mechanical problems that cause false alarms, she said. Councilmember Edward Putens, who has consistently opposed any enforcement aimed at residential false alarms, continued his opposition at this meeting. He argued that homeowners should not bear the burden for installer errors. However, Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Alan Turnbull countered that homeowners have the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that their systems work properly.

Mayor Judith Davis suggested starting with a voluntary program and, if that doesn't adequately reduce the number of false alarms, "We may need to try the stick instead of the carrot." Most councilmembers also appeared to support the licensing of alarm installers.

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## Planned Projects to Bring Improved Water Quality

by Dorothy Sucher

Greenbelt Lake is a precious part of our community's identity, but keeping it in top condition requires constant vigilance and efforts by the city government. The city has been taking a comprehensive approach to managing the water quality of Greenbelt Lake for years, and both past and future projects reflect a broad approach including physical improvements, public education, community involvement, beautification, testing, and monitoring.

At present several projects are about to be undertaken in and around the lake, using state funding to improve the water quality. The state funds come from the Maryland Department of the Environment, and are part of the Small Creeks and Estuaries Restoration Program. The City of Greenbelt has received \$100,000 as a matching grant, and will be providing mostly in-kind services such as labor and materials to make up its part of the match.

## Storm Water Runoff

The overall goal of the three projects that are to be undertaken is to manage storm water runoff as a means of protecting the

city's local and regional waterways. Greenbelt Lake is part of the larger Patuxent Watershed, and ultimately water from this source will enter the Chesapeake Bay. "By tackling pollution at the local level, we are really benefiting the Bay," said Terri Hruby, Community Planner for the City of Greenbelt.

Storm water runoff consists mostly of rainwater and may carry pesticides, substances used by people washing their cars, and other materials. These pollutants, when uncontrolled, flow into the lake, where they jeopardize water quality by lowering oxygen levels, impacting on the habitat for vegetation, fish, and other wildlife. The ecosystem of the lake consists of an interactive community of animals, plants, and microorganisms, and the physical and chemical environment in which they live.

In Greenbelt, a major cleaning area for runoff water is the "forebay" near the peninsula in Greenbelt Lake. This serves as a filtering device for pollutants before they reach the lake. It traps and stores sediment and must be

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## Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.



Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
OFFICE HOURS: **Monday** 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m., **Tuesday** 8 - 10 p.m.



## La Leche League Meets Tuesday

The La Leche League of Greenbelt will meet on Tuesday, February 15, at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 6905 Greenbelt Road. The topic of the meeting is "Why Breastfeed Beyond Three Months." Pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend. Babies are welcome. For more information call Mary at 301-345-4589.

## Topsy-Turvy to Play Old Greenbelt Theatre

On Friday, Topsy-Turvy, the movie about Gilbert and Sullivan's production of the Mikado, will open at the Greenbelt Theatre.

William S. Gilbert is the librettist, writing the words. Sir Arthur Sullivan is the composer, writing the music. For over 13 years, their collaborations have delighted the English populace at the Savoy Theater, and recouped handsomely. But in 1884, the two men are mired in a creative impasse. Inspired by a Japanese exhibition, Gilbert and Sullivan rebound, crafting the Mikado. Then the truly hard work begins: mounting the production, and getting several dozen actors and crew to work cohesively and bring the Mikado from page to stage.

Directed by Mike Leigh (Secrets & Lies, Life Is Sweet). Topsy-Turvy stars Jim Broadbent, Allan Corduner, Timothy Spall, Ron Cook, Lesley Manville and Shirley Henderson.

## Donation Drop-Off

The February Donation Drop-Off, co-sponsored with the American Rescue Workers, will be held this Saturday, February 12, behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Remember Donation Drop-Off is the second Saturday of every month.

## Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering attended a meeting for Prince George's Volunteer Coordinators on Wednesday, February 2, at Doctor's Community Hospital. Coordinators met to network, discuss programmatic issues and review a video on humor as a stress reliever.

During the month of January, 20 families on average were seen for counseling services at CARES. The weekly average of individuals was 37; the weekly average of youths was 14. Approximately 56 students received tutoring assistance.

# Community Events

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, February 15, P.J. Storytime, 7 p.m., for ages 4 - 6.

Thursday, February 17, Drop-In Storytime, 10:15 a.m., for ages 3 - 5. Toddler Time, 11:15 a.m., for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

### Adult Programs

Wednesday, February 16, Adult Book Discussion, 2 p.m., Jack Finney's "Time and Again."

## Park Salutes Bethune

Greenbelt Park is celebrating Black History Month with a tribute to Mary McLeod Bethune. A video biography will be shown at 10 a.m. followed by a discussion on contributions of Bethune. Meet at the Rangers Station near the campground in Greenbelt Park at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 12. For more information, please call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

## Boys and Girls Club

### 2000 Intramural Basketball Games

Wed., Feb. 16

6 p.m. - Wolfpack v. Wizards

7:15 p.m. - Manticores v. Raptors

Fri., Feb. 18

6:45 p.m. - Manticores v. Wizards

8 p.m. - Terps v. Wolfpack

Sat., Feb. 19

9-10:15 a.m. - Raptors v. Wizards

10:15 - noon - Terps v. Manticores

## Hike to the Highest Point in the Park

Join a Greenbelt park ranger on a two-mile hike to the Jaeger Tract, the highest point in the park. Meet at the Ranger Station near the campground on Sunday, February 13, at 1 p.m. Be sure to bring appropriate clothing and boots if there is snow still on the trail.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

## GHI Notes

There will be a Member & Community Relations Committee meeting on February 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Thursday, February 17 the Board/Finance Committee will have a work session at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The next regular Board of Directors meetings will be February 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room. Members are encouraged to attend.

## Beanie Baby Bingo is Back

Beanie Baby Bingo is back by popular demand. Join the Recreation Department Friday, February 11, from 7:30 - 9 p.m. There is a small fee for this children's program. Call 301-397-2200 for more information.

## City Blood Drive Scheduled February 14

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is co-sponsoring with the American Red Cross a blood drive on Monday, February 14, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. To make an appointment, call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 after 2:30 p.m.

## Census Needs Help

Local residents are needed to visit households and take the census. It is easy to qualify for a census job and earn extra money. The census test will be given at 11 a.m. at Greenbelt Community Center on Monday, February 14, Saturday, February 19, and Wednesday, February 23. Call 301-209-7564 for more information.

## Explore Elderhostels

On Friday, February 18, Explorations Unlimited will present a program on Elderhostels. The presenter will be Martha Patton, who has been hosting for more than 10 years.

An Elderhostel is a program for older adults who like to travel, are physically and intellectually active and would like to meet people who share similar interests. Last year, 175,000 people attended over 300,000 weeks of Elderhostel programs in the United States and overseas. Programs may feature academic subjects, including participation in crafts, music, and computer experiences. Other programs offer in-depth exploration of a particular city or region, with on-site lectures, cruises, intergenerational programs and more. Patton will share her experiences and answer questions. Anyone with Elderhostel experiences is welcome to join her in sharing information with the group.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. For further information call 301-397-2208.

## Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

Vice President Nick Pergola presided over the February 2 meeting.

Sohael Abedi asked Golden Agers to sign up to help the Greenbelt Nursery and Kindergarten children make decorations for the March 17 Ice Cream Social. Work dates are Feb. 11 and 18 from 10 - 11 a.m.

John Taylor, travel chair, announced seats are available for the Tuesday, February 15, Baltimore Aquarium trip. A trip is also being planned for March 9 to the Philadelphia Flower Show. Non-members are welcome to sign up for trips by contacting Taylor at 301-345-1608.

Ernie Varda, program chair, asked members to mark their calendars for upcoming meetings on February 16, birthday party; February 23, chiropractor Dr. Leslie Windman; and March 1, board and business meeting.

Pergola welcomed guest Virginia Stern. Brenda Kosisky and Mary Hooper won the 50/50 drawing. Betty Petroff, sunshine chair, sent get well wishes to Joe R., Vita P., Charles N., Thomas L., Catherine S., Mary G., and Irv S. We hope all are up and about and that clubmembers will see them back at the next meeting.

## Greens to Meet

The Greenbelt Greens will meet Monday, February 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the police station, at the corner of Ridge and Crescent Roads. Refreshments will be served.

One purpose of the meeting is to set up events for Ralph Nader. He hopes to speak at three Maryland locations on Thursday, March 9. Green supporters from around the state have indicated they will attend. For more information call 301-474-1998.

## The New Deal Café Is Nearly Done

by Neil McFarb

The "New" New Deal Cafe is nearing completion. Already long overdue, the process of opening a new restaurant has taken much longer than any of us involved had expected. Yes, there are things that we would do differently the second time around. Yet overall we feel encouraged about what has been accomplished. The space at 113 Centerway has been transformed from something that was nothing at all like a cafe, to something that is now very close. For this, the cafe owes a great deal of gratitude to those that have contributed, both with their wallets and their sweat. We have received an abundance of each: over \$15,000 in donations, and untold hours of slave labor. It is doubtful that many commercial ventures have matched this level of economy.

Oh, that it were enough. Unfortunately it is not. There are still unfinished items and equipment to purchase. It is estimated that the cafe needs to raise \$5-10 thousand to get the doors open. The message is this: To those of you that have not yet made that donation, now is the time! To those of you that have, thanks, and consider this; those members that have already made donations of \$250 or more can help the cafe generate the capital it needs by making a loan to the cafe. That is, invest in the cafe and receive interest on your investment. We plan on securing traditional financing in the near future, but time is crucial, the sooner we get financial support, the sooner the New Deal Cafe opens in Roosevelt Center. See you there.

The New Deal Cafe can be contacted at 301-474-5642 or by email at: NewDealCafe@greenbelt.com.

## Channel B-10 Schedule Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV Check out Channel B-10's new look!

### MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

Tuesday & Thursday, February 15 & February 17

4:00 p.m. "Dr. Magic Show" Episode 4

6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting, 2/7/00 replay

8:30 p.m. Public Hearing on Public Safety, 2/8/00 replay

### PUBLIC ACCESS-GATE-301-507-6581

Wednesday & Friday, February 16 & February 18

7:00 p.m. 101 Black Inventions

7:30 p.m. Greenbelt in Focus



## Greenbelt Police Department CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Get a behind the scenes view of what it is like to be a police officer. The Greenbelt Police Department is offering a twelve-week program Tuesday evenings, 6:30pm-9:30pm beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000

Become more active in crime prevention in your community. Learn about police procedures, traffic stops, accident investigation and more through guest speakers, practical demonstrations and field demonstrations.

Contact Support Services at 301-507-6513 for an application.

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 20.  
Application deadline is February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000



## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of February 11

### TOPSY TURVY (R)

Friday (4:45 @ \$4) 8:00

Sat. and Sun.  
(1:30, 4:45 @ \$4)  
8:00

Mon.-Thurs. 7:30

129 Centerway  
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www.pgtheatres.com

## Old Greenbelt Theater Marquee Dedication

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm

Featuring a FREE showing of

Shirley Temple in

"Little Miss Broadway"

The 1<sup>st</sup> film ever shown at the Greenbelt Theater!

Come join the celebration as the new marquee is dedicated and lighted for the 1<sup>st</sup> time! Live music, a Shirley Temple look-a-like contest and a free showing of the film at 7:30pm



## Geographic Bee Winners at St. Hugh's

by Leslie Hilliard

Buzz. Buzz. Buzz. It was the geographic bee. 1) "The parallel of latitude at 23 1/2 degrees north is known by what name?" On January 10 St. Hugh's students from fourth to eighth grade participated in the 12th Annual National Geographic Bee. This is St. Hugh's third year of participation. Each class competed separately in the oral competition on world geography.

2) "Liberia's capital is named for an American president. Name this city." The top scorers from each grade in the class competition were: Ellie Lomax and

5) "If you flew directly from Bangkok to Manila, you would cross what sea?" To qualify for the National Geographic Bee at the state level Jeff took a written "Qualifying Test". Students placing in the top 100 scores of the Qualifying Test will be invited to participate in the oral competition at the state level. Winners at this level advance to the National level. College Scholarships are awarded by the National Geographic Society to the national level winners.

6) "Most major rivers in Siberia flow into which ocean?" Jeff's winning achievement is es-



St. Hugh's librarian Sue O'Brien presents the winner's certificate to fifth grader Jeff Grant.

Jimmy Livingston (4th), Justin VanDenBossche and Jeff Grant (5th), Lauren Kemp and Samantha Treacy (6th), Ajay Narayanan and Nick Dobson (7th) and Daniel Dyer and Stephen Kimble (8th). The Final Competition, held with the entire school in assembly, consisted of a Final Round and a Championship Round.

3) "What capital city is located across the Congo River from Brazzaville?" Two students made it to the Championship Round, Jeff Grant (5th) and Nick Dobson (7th). Each student was asked three questions. It was still a tie. Until... the tiebreaker question.

4) "Which country in the Caucasus region shares its name with a U.S. state?" And Jeff Grant had the answer, winning the event.

pecially noteworthy because geography is not part of the fifth grade curriculum. So how did he prepare? "I went over recent world events and looked them up in an atlas. We have a Trivial Pursuit game that we play a lot too," Jeff said. "And I read 'National Geographic World' (National Geographic's magazine for kids). It's my favorite magazine."

So there you have it. Now, how did you do? Answers. 1) Tropic of Cancer, 2) Monrovia, 3) Kinshasa, 4) Georgia, 5) South China Sea (Also acceptable: China Sea), 6) Arctic Ocean.

## Be a Heartsaver!

The theme for American Heart Month 2000 is Be an American Heartsaver! Know the warning signs of heart attack. Call 911. Give CPR. Americans are urged to take the following steps in a cardiac arrest emergency:

1. Know the warning signs of a heart attack and cardiac arrest in order to recognize a medical emergency when it occurs.

2. Upon recognizing any heart attack or cardiac arrest symptoms, call 911 immediately to access the emergency medical system. Too many people go through denial and, as a result, wait too long before seeking medical attention. The warning signs of a heart attack are uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest lasting more than a few minutes; pain spreading to the shoulders, neck or arms; chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath. Symptoms of cardiac arrest are different: the person collapses and loses consciousness, he or she stops normal breathing and loses pulse and blood pressure.

3. Give cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) because it can help keep the cardiac arrest victim alive until emergency help arrives. CPR is important because it maintains vital blood flow to the heart and brain.

"Since 70 to 80 percent of all cardiac arrest emergencies occur in the home, knowing CPR can help you save the life of a loved one," said Dr. Robert R. Bass, executive director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Service Systems.

To learn more about what to do in the event of a cardiac emergency or how to prevent a heart attack, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 or visit the website [www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org). Information about CPR courses offered by the American Heart Association is available by calling 1-877-AHA-4CPR or by visiting the website [www.cpl\\_ \\_ecc.americanheart.org](http://www.cpl_ _ecc.americanheart.org).

## Mishkan Torah to Offer Green Shabbat

On Saturday, February 26, Mishkan Torah will offer a special "Green Shabbat" program to explore the connection between Judaism and the environmental movement. Lee Epstein, director of the Lands Program for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation will speak on "Jews for Traife; Judaism, Environmental Activism and the Chesapeake Bay."

Epstein's discussion during Sabbath morning services will begin at 9:30 a.m. All in the community are invited to attend.

## Parish Mission At St. Hugh's

St. Hugh's Catholic Church will hold a parish mission from Sunday, Feb. 13 through Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. each night. The Redemptorist priests from St. Mary's Church in Annapolis will lead the mission, which will include instruction, nightly benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, individual confessions, and a Wednesday night penance service. All are invited to attend.

## Baha'i Faith

"The Baha'i Faith does not ignore, nor does it attempt to suppress, the diversity of ethnical origins, of climate, of history, of language and tradition, of thought and habit, that differentiate the peoples and nations of the world. It calls for a wider loyalty, for a larger aspiration than any that has animated the human race."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245

Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-345-2918 301-220-3160

Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bahai.org/>

## Come Learn Hebrew

Mishkan Torah Synagogue, located at 10 Ridge Road, invites everyone to learn Hebrew in a day. This free one-day Hebrew reading marathon is open to the entire community on Sunday, February 27. No previous Hebrew reading experience is necessary. Registration is required by February 16. There is a modest materials fee.

To build on new Hebrew knowledge, a new optional six week program will begin on Sunday, March 26, at Mishkan Torah. This class is also free, but there will be a modest materials fee.

Call the Mishkan Torah office at 301-474-4223 for details and to sign up for either or both of these programs.



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## St. George's Episcopal Church

Episcopal/Anglican

Corner of Lanham-Severn Road (MD 564) and Glenn Dale Road, Just South of Greenbelt Rd (MD193), Glenn Dale

301-262-3285

<http://members.aol.com/stgeorgd/>

### Sunday Services

9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing)  
10 am Education for all ages  
11 am Sung Service

## MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor • In Residence: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

## ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

301-474-9410

SUNDAY

Childrens and Adults

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship Service 11:00 am



Handicapped accessible

Rev. Guillermo Chavez, Pastor

All persons from all races and cultural backgrounds are welcome. Together we learn to serve Christ.

## HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friendly people worshipping God and serving their community

Sunday Worship Services

8:30 and 11:15 A.M.

Education Hour

10:00 A.M.

Adult Class — Faith Weavers

Taught by Pastor Mentz

10:00 A.M.



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Rev. Stephen H. Mentz, Pastor (301) 345-5111

## Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads

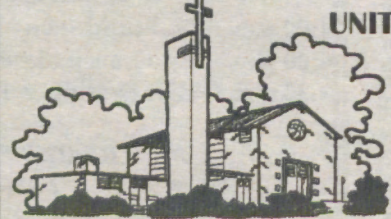
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."



## Congregation Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, 301-474-4223  
Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

A warm, comfortable and involved congregation  
Creative nursery school for two to four year olds  
Pre-K to post-confirmation education program  
First year school FREE for one child  
Reconstructionist/Conservative affiliation  
[www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)

Services: Friday, 8 pm; Saturday, 9:30 am  
Family, 7:30 first Friday of the month

## New beginnings, start with God's love!

Located at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads

Morning Worship Service (Sunday) 8:35 & 11:00 AM

Bible Study for all ages (Sunday) 9:45 AM

Evening Worship and Small Groups (Sunday) 6:00 PM

Prayer (Wednesday) 7:00 PM

For transportation or more information call 474-4212 or contact us on the Internet at [GrnBaptist@aol.com](mailto:GrnBaptist@aol.com)

## Greenbelt Baptist Church



Catholic  
Community  
of Greenbelt  
MASS

Municipal Building Sundays  
10 A.M.

## Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road,  
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)

Welcomes you to our open,  
nurturing community

February 13, 2000 - 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.: An Infinite Expectation  
of the Dawn

11:15 a.m.: Love Touches Us  
Everywhere



by Dennis Daniel and Sydney  
Kay Wilde, a visiting  
Clergy Couple



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asserts. "We (SOC) were not part of the establishment. We carried the torch. We hammered away at the board of education." Joined by GHI and the city, SOC sued the board of education which finally capitulated to the wishes of the citizens. Eleanor Roosevelt High School was built instead along Greenbelt Road. The elementary and middle schools were never constructed.

A second major issue concerned development of the Greenbriar condominium complex on Hanover Parkway. A sewer moratorium was in effect at the time. Developer Alan Kay proposed building a packaged sewage treatment plant to circumvent the law, SOC contended. White savors his memories of that battle. "I had the time of my life!" he exclaims.

He was attending city council and civic association meetings regularly, writing countless letters to the editor of the News Review, and traveling around the county and speaking out against the sewage treatment plant whenever and wherever possible. The plant was built, but with added safeguards, and, he feels, developer concessions that resulted in lower densities and greater quality. (The plant was eliminated when the moratorium was lifted).

### Maverick

White established his reputation as a maverick. What might be termed arrogance by some, he views as "my fierce independence. I don't go in league with people very well," he admits. And he worries that there are not many torchbearers now living in the city. "Where are the keepers of the flame today?" he asks. "Greenbelt survives today because of a special Greenbelt culture" which he characterizes as knock-down, drag-out fights. "Have we become too complacent?" he wonders. "Does the city do everything we want? Even campaigns have gotten more sedate," he reflects.

Since being elected to the city council, White has participated in many debates. Looking back, he views the construction of the Gladys Spellman Overpass issue as one of his chief accomplishments. Following the death of a young Greenbelt student while crossing the Baltimore Washington Parkway, many citizens called for construction of a pedestrian overpass linking historic Greenbelt with Greenbelt East. Many others were opposed, however, fearing that "undesirables" would also use the overpass. The pedestrian overpass was built and White believes that the benefits of providing safe access for students walking from the school to their homes or activities within the core city is a huge benefit to the community.

Another important issue occurred in 1985. This was the \$6 million bond referendum which, as White says, had something for everyone. Funds were earmarked for a new police station, parkland acquisition and a new indoor swimming pool. As cost estimates grew, citizens feared that their pet project would not be funded. The police station was safe. In tense city council meetings, tree

huggers suddenly eyed the swimmers with suspicion.

White says he always felt that the city could build both an indoor aquatic center and acquire parkland. He is pleased with his role in steering the council to a strategy which would accomplish all the goals promised in the bond referendum.

### Praises Others

Over the years White has worked with many citizens whom he has grown to respect and whom he credits with great service to the community. Among the most effective, he feels, is former mayor Gil Weidenfeld, who served for 20 years on the city council. White notes that Weidenfeld was mayor during the turbulent development years in the 1970s and 1980s.

"I didn't always agree with Gil," he admits, "but I thought he was good leader. Where we did agree, we were able to keep densities down and hold developers to their commitments. Gil led a lot of those discussions."

White also praises former mayor Richard Castaldi. "Greenbelt benefited from Richard's experience with the county (Castaldi headed the county's zoning and permits division for many years) and he continued to have impact on the city while he was on the county council." On environmental issues, White singles out fellow council member Rodney Roberts, whom he says "really communicates a basic Greenbelt concern. He's helped win some important battles," White contends.

Among the civic activists White admires most is Rhea Cohen, who led the Save Our Community fight with the Board of Education and with developer Alan Kay over the Greenbriar sewage treatment plant. Cohen spoke and acted with intense passion and energy which few have matched over the years, White believes.

### Tamer Issues?

If the issues seem tamer since the 1980s, some still cause a fair amount of adrenalin to flow. The issue of renovating the former Greenbelt Center Elementary School versus building a new school on the former North End School site pitted White against the majority of his fellow councilmembers. As the council and citizens battled, pro and con ads filled the pages of the News Review. Teachers petitioned for a new school. The city council called for a referendum. When the votes were tallied, White was on the losing side.

The Board of Education swapped with the city the Center School for the north end property. North End School was torn down and the new Greenbelt Elementary School was built. The city renovated the historic old school building into the Community Center.

True to his beliefs, White emphasizes, "There was nothing wrong with my vision." Still, he says, "I surprised some people who expected me to never give up" by supporting the renovation of the former school into a Community Center. "I am a different Tom White (than the person he had been 10 or 15 years earlier).

Everyone grows," he smiles coyly. "We did a better job with the renovation than the

## Our Neighbors

Greenbelters will be saddened to learn of the death of long-time former 20 Court Ridge, then Northway resident Nan Furioso. Furioso died in Charles Town, W. Va. of esophageal cancer on February 2. Burial was in Charles Town at Zion Episcopal Church.

Amanda Baldauf, a junior at the University of Rochester, NY, has been named to the Fall 1999 Dean's List for academic achievement. A graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Baldauf is an environmental science major.

Long-time residents Stephanie and Steven Gigliotti welcomed their first child, Gabriel Steven, born January 19 at Rebecca Clatinoff Birthing Center in Annapolis, weighing 7 lb. 2 oz. Gabriel's Greenbelt relatives are grandparents Rita and Vince Gigliotti and aunt and uncle Kathy and Gregg Gigliotti. Maternal grandmother Gretchen Schulz is visiting from California.

Proud grandparent Jo Ann McCarthy is pleased to have a new grandson, Jack William Metzger who was born January 4 weighing 8 lbs. Proud parents are Kelly and Eric Metzger of Hilton Head, SC. Jack joins big sisters Grayson and Reilly.

Recently named to the Fall 1999 Dean's List of Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts is Haneefah Wood of Lakecrest Drive. She is majoring in musical theater.

Tonya May graduated December 11 in Averett College's mid-year commencement held in Danville, VA. She received a master of business administration degree.

Congratulations to Megan E. Zeleny of Greenbrook Drive who was awarded semester academic honors for the fall semester at the University of Maryland at College Park. Megan, a member of Delta Gamma sorority and president of Phi Alpha Epsilon honorary society will graduate in May 2000 with a degree in physical education.

Board of Education could have done," he boasts.

### Challenges Ahead

White lists many challenges ahead for the city. Chief among them is what will happen at the Metro site. Another is the need for a new Department of Public Works facility.

White is pleased that people have become more conscious of the city's history, which he believes occurred following Greenbelt's 50th anniversary celebration in 1987. Citizens came to appreciate more their heritage as an historic planned community, he says.

"Greenbelt is therapy," White concludes, contrasting the high pressure of his "regular" job in a drug trade association with his work on the city council. He can immerse himself in a completely different environment when he returns home to Greenbelt at the end of the day. "I have another life," he says with obvious relish. He has no thoughts of retiring just yet.

## Valentine Stories

by Nelda Young

Though some names have been changed, the following are true Greenbelt Valentine stories.

"Sam and Mary" were introduced by friends. Mary's initial reaction was "I couldn't stand him. Sam was a pain in the neck." Sam considered Mary a "formidable woman." Eight months later they changed their minds.

On Saturday afternoon, after 13 years of marriage, they sat in the Greenbelt Library reading automotive magazines. Mary needs to replace the truck she uses in her landscaping business. Sam said, "Her old truck gets 30+ miles per gallon; she's not going to buy a new one that gets low mileage." Though Sam said, "I prefer dull over fireworks in marriage," Sam and Mary have had their share of fun.

These seniors share an interest in travel. One year they drove to Colorado in May but were disappointed because the wild flowers hadn't bloomed. Estes Park and the Trail Ridge Road passes remained closed for the winter. The impression that stuck with them from that trip was the number of bicyclists, kayakers, runners, and hikers in Boulder.

The polite people and the beautiful scenery made British Columbia special for them. They were so impressed with the people that they are planning a return trip.

The good food they ate in Nova Scotia stands out in their memories. Mary said, "The food in the 'greasy spoons' was even delicious."

Their trip to Bethany Beach last September was their most memorable adventure. They spent three free nights on the beach under hurricane warning

conditions. Though the sand was blowing and saltwater puddles covered the roads, the ten-foot waves were spectacular to see from the boardwalks. "If you want to avoid the crowds," Sam said, "during a hurricane is a good time to go to the beach."

On Ground Hog's Day 19 years ago, Valerie met her husband at a Springhill Lake bus stop. He started a conversation by asking her if she had the time. Later she learned he was wearing a watch when he asked. Each year they celebrate by going out to dinner on February 2.

Gilvina and Allen Cephas were childhood sweethearts. They met 25 years ago when she was 13, and he was 16. Initially they were neighborhood friends. The romance came later. Through the years they have celebrated Valentine's Days with balloons, stuffed animals, and plaques. Their son Allen is now 14 and a student at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Steve Hirsch said he and his wife of 11 years were librarians who met at the Library School, University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

## NARFE to Meet

The next meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) Chapter 2146 will be held on Wednesday, February 16, at 1:30 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Center on Princess Garden Parkway. Kathleen Brady of Washington Adventist Hospital's Prevention and Wellness Group will address cardiac problems and care. The public is invited. Call 301-731-9020 for more information

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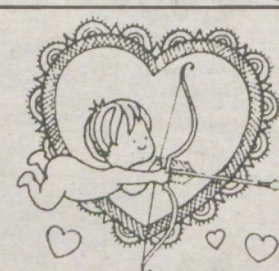
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## COUNCIL

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### Daycare Regulation

Putens raised the issue of daycare facilities. When there are multiple in-home daycare operators in a small area, such as a cul-de-sac, it causes problems for neighbors, he said, including noise, trash and parking problems.

Although the city cannot now regulate daycare facilities, Craze said that the county has the authority to delegate this power to the city. Roberts asked why the city couldn't require day care operators to obtain a city license, in addition to their county license, similar to how the city licenses non-residential burglar alarms. Craze thought that the city probably could do this.

Councilmember Thomas White asked if the city could regulate daycare providers who do not care for enough children to require a county license. Since such a policy would be stricter than county requirements, Craze thought that it might be possible.

Roberts felt that small establishments were causing most of the problems. However, Davis was leery about regulating small in-home arrangements. She was concerned that in some cases, "you get to where you're looking into people's bedrooms, almost" to figure out whether a given daycare arrangement is covered by the regulations. (What children are related, who is just visiting, etc.) Neighbors just see the total number of children entering the unit.

Roberts said that the city should not require a license that would inhibit people from offering daycare in their homes. However, if people do offer day care, he said, the city should make sure the home is safe and that the operation does not cause problems for neighbors.

### New Powers

What the city really wants is full planning and zoning authority. However, attempts to obtain such authority through state legislation have been unsuccessful. Part of the evening's discussion focused on how the city could increase its planning and zoning powers to, in Putens' words, "obtain more self-determination." City Solicitor Robert Manzi noted that an incremental approach would allow the city to build a track record that might give state legislators more confidence that the city could wield such powers responsibly.

Several cities in Maryland, such as Laurel and Rockville, already have this authority. However, Manzi pointed out that the state legislature has not bestowed such authority on any additional cities since the 1960s.

### Site Plan Approval

Both Craze and Manzi thought that site plan approval may be the most logical power for the city to pursue next from the state legislature. Craze noted that the idea could be presented to the legislature as something that would not have "catastrophic impact" if not successful. Both new development and any changes to the footprint or parking of an existing facility require site plan approval (currently handled by the county Planning Board). Manzi noted that the city has done site plan review under certain prop-

erty covenants and has not turned anything down.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted that Takoma Park is seeking site plan approval authority during this legislative session. He recommended waiting, and if Takoma Park is successful, seeking similar authority. The councilmembers agreed.

### Historic District

Craze identified historic district regulation as another logical power for the city to seek. The Advisory Planning Board is currently reviewing the city's historic district study. One concern she has with seeking historic district status is that the county has indicated that the city could not later dissolve a district if it became dissatisfied with it, once implemented.

Craze was also concerned that a county-regulated historic district would entangle the city deeper in county planning and zoning regulations, at the same time it is trying to obtain independent authority.

Turnbull questioned, however, why Greenbelt would want to duplicate, for just one district, the infrastructure that the county already has. He also felt that there would be benefits to having outside parties involved. In addition, a city-run historic district may not give the same protection from "things the county might do" as a county-run district.

White disagreed, noting that "the county has visited an awful lot of grief" on Greenbelt. Davis argued that no one is better able than Greenbelt to appreciate the city's historic value.

### Higher Powers

Craze and Manzi agreed that subdivision and adequate public facility approval, which would have to be authorized by the state legislature, was the power the city was least likely to win and did not recommend pursuing it at this time.

Zoning enforcement, on the other hand, may be doable. (Such enforcement refers to the responsibility for policing any violation of the county zoning laws and regulations.) This could be done by means of a written agreement with the

county. College Park is currently pursuing this authority, but does not wish to work jointly with Greenbelt at this time. However, McLaughlin was confident that it would be relatively easy for Greenbelt to obtain the same powers if College Park were successful.

### Building Code Authority

The city already has the power to enforce building codes for existing structures. The county, if it wished, could delegate the authority to the city to enforce building codes for new construction. However, to carry out this responsibility, Greenbelt would have to create its own building code department, Craze noted, which would require a great investment of city resources.

One of her objectives for the year, she said, is to more fully evaluate what would be required for the city to take on this responsibility. Building code authority carries with it the ability to oversee construction quality, to monitor and shut down a job. She called this "a tremendous authority and a tremendous responsibility."

Putens said, "I don't have any hesitation, none," about taking on building code enforcement. Davis countered "I would, if we have to have an increase of 10 people." But, she noted, if the city is going to assume this responsibility, it would have to do so fairly soon, in order to have any influence over the development around the Metro station.

## Students and Athletes Have Valentine Dance

Elizabeth Seton High School students and high school student athletes from the Prince George's County Special Olympics will dance to the music of the Backstreet Boys and Mariah Carey during a Valentine's Dance at the Elks Lodge at 6700 Kenilworth Avenue, in Riverdale, on Friday, February 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This inaugural event brings the students together for an afternoon of camaraderie, food, music and lots of dancing to records spun by a DJ.

## Greenbelt CARES To Hold Workshops

by Altoria Bell Ross

Area parents can begin sharpening their pencils and collecting their notebooks because they are going back to school. Well, sort of. Greenbelt CARES is sponsoring free workshops to address the issues related to the challenges of parenting including peer pressure, conflict resolution, and effective communication.

Adult students need to report to the Springhill Lake Elementary School on Wednesday, February 23 at 6 p.m. or Saturday, February 26 at 9:30 a.m. for an hour and a half. No need to bring your lunch box or leave your favorite subjects behind. CARES will provide free meals and babysitting. Pupils-to-be can call 301-345-6660 to reserve a place in class or just drop in on the sessions that will go on through June.

"We certainly see a need for the support of parents and the need to do a really good job as a parent," said Greenbelt CARES Director Carol Leventhal, who is a mother of grown children.

The parenting sessions will be led by Shane Perrault, who is a doctoral candidate in psychology at Ohio State University and is currently interning at Johns Hopkins University and the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Baltimore. Perrault said the workshops will be helpful to parents because they will be held in a supportive environment with people in a similar situation.

"I'll be helping them help themselves," said Perrault, who has led workshops on disturbed adolescents. "There will be a lot of learning. My goal is to facilitate this process."

The parenting workshop is funded by a \$40,075 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded to CARES in January, said Leventhal. Dollars from the grant, known as the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, also will go to train teenagers at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in anger management and to conduct group discussions at Greenbelt Elementary School in late February.

## Run in Washington's Birthday Marathon

The 39th annual Washington's Birthday Marathon and Marathon relay (three person) running races will be held on Sunday, February 20, at 10:30 a.m. Register at the Greenbelt Youth Center starting at 9 a.m. The races are open to runners of all ages and abilities provided that adequate training has been done. There is an entry fee.

Age group awards will be given in each race. Refreshments after the race will be provided in the Youth Center. Call Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019 for additional information or call the D.C. Roadrunner's Club hot line at 703-241-0395.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

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## Drugs

9200 block of Springhill Lane, Jan. 28, 7:40 p.m., a 24-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana. He had been stopped as a suspicious person. Upon approaching him, the officer detected the odor of marijuana. Investigation revealed that the man had a quantity of suspected marijuana. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Burglary

9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, Feb. 1, 12:14 p.m., two video game players, a camera, compact discs, stereo equipment, and clothing were taken. Entry was gained by forcing open a sliding glass door.

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Feb. 1, 3:29 p.m., entry was gained by forcing open the sliding glass door. Nothing was taken.

## Trespassing

9200 block of Springhill

Lane, Feb. 1, 7:21 p.m., a 15-year-old male nonresident was arrested for trespassing after he was observed on the property of the Springhill Lake apartment complex after being banned. The youth was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a blue four-door 1990 Hyundai Excel with Maryland tags HAN 323, Jan. 28, from the parking lot at Beltway Plaza Mall; a red four-door 1998 Dodge Neon with Maryland tags FCA 576, Jan. 30, from the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway; and a blue four-door 1989 Pontiac Bonneville with Maryland tags EFM 707, Jan. 31, from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane.

Vandalisms to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7200 block of Hanover Drive, 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, 17 court of Ridge Road, 8100 block of Lakecrest Drive, and 8100 block of Bird Lane.

## Police Officer's Civil Rights Case Closed

by Dorothy Sucher

The U. S. Department of Justice has informed the City of Greenbelt that it has closed a civil rights case against Pfc. John Rogers, a 12-year veteran of the city police force, and no further action will be taken. The case stemmed from an incident involving a WRC-TV (Channel 4) news crew on June 15, 1998, while they were filming an overflow crowd of angry people attending a Greenbelt Middle School promotion ceremony at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The crowd of approximately 1200 exceeded the auditorium's capacity of 850, necessitating the removal of people from aisles and stairways. The news crew was asked repeatedly to leave the building by Greenbelt police and county sheriffs, but cameraman James Kizer did not comply, according to Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze. When Rogers attempted to remove him, Kizer fell to the ground.

Kizer later brought a charge of second-degree assault against Rogers in Prince George's County Circuit Court, which acquitted him on September 2, 1999. Rogers had been assigned to administrative duty when the criminal charges were filed, but he was placed back on full duty following the verdict.

## Civil Rights Suit

Kizer subsequently brought a criminal complaint to the Civil Rights Division of the Department

of Justice, alleging that Rogers was "involved in a criminal deprivation of [Kizer's] federal civil rights." It is this complaint that has now been terminated. In a memo dated January 4, 2000, the Justice Department informed the city: "After a careful review of the investigative reports, we concluded that this matter should be closed. Accordingly, based upon the information currently available to us, this Department has no intention of taking any further action in this criminal investigation."

## One Suit Remains

One final piece of fallout still remains from the June 15 incident. Kizer has also filed a \$3.4 million lawsuit against Rogers and Police Chief James R. Craze as a result of the injury he suffered during his fall. This civil case is still pending. "These cases can take three years to wend their way through the courts," said Craze. "We're about two-thirds through the process." No court date has as yet been set.

## Greenbelt Elementary Holds Penny Drive

Children at Greenbelt Elementary School are holding a Pennies for Learning drive, cosponsored by the Greenbelt Advisory Board, IMANI, SBIDM and PTA. Every penny counts. All donations are appreciated.

## WW II Toys Needed By Local Museum

The Greenbelt Museum is seeking objects for an exhibit on childhood in Greenbelt. They are interested in World War II toys, such as toy soldiers or airplanes. They are also looking for children's bikes or scooters. These items need to be dated from 1935 to 1945. Those who have items to loan are asked to call the museum at 301-507-6582

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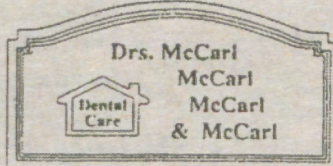
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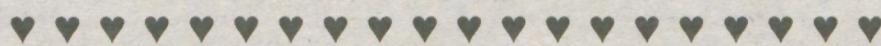
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# WATER QUALITY

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kept in a functional condition. This is critical to maintaining the water quality of Greenbelt Lake. Every seven to 10 years the forebay must be cleaned by dredging out the accumulated sediments, which will then be hauled away. This forebay dredging is one of the three improvement projects slated to begin soon.

## Erosion Control

The other two projects involve control of erosion caused by runoff. One area where erosion has been severe is at the culvert adjacent to St. Hugh's School. This problem will be alleviated by the construction of a series of stone step-pools from the mouth of the culvert downstream for approximately 50 to 60 feet. These pools will stabilize the banks and slow the runoff. The banks of the stream will be further protected by planting of vegetation to hold the soil in place.

The second of the two upstream projects consists of stream bank stabilization at the Lakewood Stream Valley outfall. This is located in the woods adjacent to Hillside Road near the intersection of Laurel Hill, in an area that is rather well hidden from public view. Here the uncontrolled flow of storm water runoff has caused severe erosion, and the runoff now makes an uncontrolled five foot drop, which further accelerates the deterioration in that area. A step-down channel will be constructed to handle the flow and velocity of the water. Stabilization of the stream bank by plantings will also improve the situation.

Hruby commented, "The city is being proactive in terms of trying to identify problem areas and improve them before further deterioration takes place."

## Recreation Review

Spring vacation for county schools, from April 17 to 21, will be coming up quickly. Registration is now underway for Arts-n-Action Camp and Spring Camp. Spring Camp, which is based at the Youth Center, is a field trip day camp. Campers will go bowling, roller-skating and swimming, among other trips and activities. Arts-n-Action Camp, held at the Community Center, will spend half of each day working on the campers' art projects, and the other half playing sports, games and other fun activities. There is a registration fee. Extended care is available. Visit the Recreation Department Business Office or call 301-397-2200 for more details.

Now that the snow season is here, remember to call the Recreation Department's Weather and Information hotline at 301-474-5525 for updates on class cancellations and delays. All snow-day classes will be made up at the end of the session.

## Girl Scout Council Seeks Volunteers

The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital is seeking volunteers who are interested in helping young girls develop into caring, competent, confident women and leaders for tomorrow's world. Volunteer opportunities exist on many different levels and all are welcome. Call 301-893-1819 for more information.

# COURT

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this to be "unusual" and a significant accomplishment the city achieved by filing the lawsuit. USDA has told the court that it will issue a new NEPA determination by July 1 of this year and provide the court with a status report by June 1.

The city has written USDA, Liebesman said, to urge the government to not just do a quick environmental assessment. The city wants a full Environmental Impact Study (EIS) done that considers all improvements related to the headquarters facility project. It is concerned that USDA, instead, will do an environmental assessment in order to strengthen its position in the court case and circumvent another EIS. The city believes that only a full EIS will result in a comprehensive assessment of the cumulative impact of the project on the environment. Further, the city wants the EIS to be subject to public comment and a new public hearing. "Redo the permit and redo it right," Davis advocated.

When asked what the city expected to accomplish with the lawsuit, Liebesman responded that the question was interesting but couldn't be answered at this time. "We want it to be done right, but it is difficult to say what will be accomplished from all this. Councilmember Edward Putens, one of three other councilmembers in attendance at the press conference, noted that he did not expect the government to tear down the USDA building. The city council, without success, has opposed the construction of the headquarters building at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center since it first became aware of the project. Davis noted that the council has been unanimous on this issue in all aspects.

## Public Support

Councilmember Rodney Roberts stated that the reason for the city holding a press conference was to reach out to other communities and environmental groups in order for them to write to USDA and urge a full EIS. At the conference were representatives of the Anacostia Watershed Society and the District of Columbia Sierra Club. Neal

## Local Gore Campaign Gets Under Way

MD Gore 2000, Vice President Al Gore's committee in Maryland, announces plans to campaign vigorously in the 23rd legislative district which includes Greenbelt. The Democratic presidential preference primary will be held in conjunction with "Super Tuesday" primaries in some 14 states on Tuesday, March 7. Polls in Maryland will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

A campaign office has opened at 8900E Edgeworth Road, Capitol Heights. It will coordinate "Get Out the Vote" efforts with the reelection campaigns of U. S. Senator Paul Sarbanes and Congressmen Steny Hoyer and Albert Wynn in Maryland's fifth and fourth congressional districts respectively. The address for the Gore website is [www.algore2000.com](http://www.algore2000.com).

Most of Maryland's Democratic leadership has endorsed

Fitzpatrick of the Sierra Club told the councilmembers that the city deserves an award for sticking up for NEPA. He said, "It makes you want to move to Greenbelt."

Gore in his race to secure the Democratic party nomination. Mary B. Murphy (27A-Brandywine), chair of the Democratic Central Committee of Prince George's County, will be on the March 7 ballot as a Gore delegate as will Delegate Rushern Baker (22B-Cheverly), the county's delegation chairman.

Pat Unger of Greenbelt, member of the Central Committee and a past president of the County Council of Democratic Clubs, is leading the Gore effort in the 23rd District. Poll workers are needed in Greenbelt for all four precincts. Interested volunteers should call 301-474-1914 for further information.

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Saturday	2:00- 4:00pm 4:30- 6:30pm 7:00- 9:00pm
Sunday	10:30am- 12:30pm 1:00- 3:00pm 3:30- 5:30pm 7:00- 9:00pm

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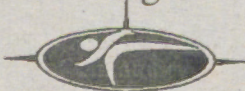
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